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LOK SABHA

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Security Threats on Flights
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been receiving bomb threats on aeroplanes;
(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such threats received during each of the last three years and the current year;
(c) whether flights have been affected / cancelled due to these threats during the said period, if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether any action has been taken by the Government against those making threat calls; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The details indicating the number of such threats received during each of the last three years and in the current year are
given below:-

year	Number of bomb threat received
2013	08
2014	12
2015	18
2016	08 (as on 23.02.2016)

(c) to (e): Yes, Madam. In most of the cases flights got delayed or rescheduled. To deal with Bomb Threat, a Bomb Threat Assessment Committee is constituted at each airport to assess the gravity of the bomb threat call and action is taken accordingly. As per the decision of airport specific Bomb Threat Assessment Committee, action is taken to off-load of passengers with their cabin baggage, check-in baggage, cargo, catering etc.. It is followed by re-screening of the passengers and their carry o items, hold baggage, cargo, caterings items and search of empty aircraft by airlines, engineering & security staff before permitting to send the aircraft for flight operation. In case of the bomb threat calls, FIRs are lodged to enable the Police to take further action.